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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nelson H. Oliver

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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For: HEAT SEALABLE
TRANSDUCER SHIELD AND
METHOD OF APPLICATION

Examiner: To Be Assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely

filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

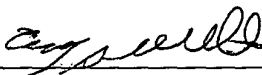
Applicant also wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the following pending United States Patent application:

U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/401,632
(Attorney Docket No. 1999P82176US, Filed September 22, 1999)

Applicant believe that this application either alone or in combination with the references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Applicants, however, respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this application and place an indication in the file that they have been reviewed (MPEP § 609 D). Applicants additionally request that citations to these patent applications not be printed on the patent (MPEP § 609 D). A copy of the above-referenced application is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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